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From: J Perez <jpjudy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 07, 2015 4:34 PM
To: Jacob, Dianne
Subject: El Monte Valley - Please Supervisors, Can You Save It?
Attachments: ElMonteValley.docx

Hello Dianne,
I hope that I am allowed to give my opinion on this project as a resident of Lakeside, please forgive me if I am not, attached is my letter.
Thank you,
Jitka

Jitka Perez, 8260 Linden Rd, Lakeside, CA 92040

RE: El Monte Valley – Mining Project – Priceless Area of Character and Beauty – Can It Be Properly Set Aside For Public Use Instead of Irreversibly Destroyed?

Dear Dianne,

Clearly this letter is to express my opposition to the “El Monte Nature Preserve LLC” (what a name for a mining company) surface and/or strip mining project to destroy the El Monte Valley, damage equestrian businesses, the aquifer in the valley, and way of life in this representative portion of Lakeside. The jewel of Lakeside is this valley (San Diego’s own backyard Yosemite) filled with eagles and precious endangered wildlife, trails, and the agricultural community compatible and living in harmony with nature there. Each spring, I take friends to this area to see the verdant and bucolic setting. This El Monte Valley is another rare area on the chopping block, a pristine feature that will be irreversibly destroyed many ways due to the voracious and powerful economic interests at hand beginning its destruction. The gobbling up of land and creation of eyesores, without respect for sustainability of rural values in areas or their current way of life is something I am very familiar with. I came to Lakeside to from Del Mar.

I grew up in Del Mar and rode horses for decades in east Del Mar, (now mostly Carmel Valley). I saw farms, and ranch after ranch closed and moved by economic interests and development in the area. East Del Mar is now highly urbanized (with more to come – like One Paseo- it doesn’t stop) despite many developer’s claims for providing “open space”. The charm of the area as it was is no longer there, I believe.

Horses, loud noises, dust, environmental damage, and sand truck traffic of this volume do not mix. This 15-30 year project will forever create an eyesore and damage the wildlife and way of life in the valley despite the project leaders claiming to “restore” the area. Ha! Only destruction will occur as the industry will have a toxic effect in more than one way on neighboring ranches and rural life. The area will never be “restored”, people will sell out, and the character of Lakeside as a semi-rural and equestrian community will suffer a major blow and may eventually even go by the wayside, I have seen it happen blow by blow in east Del Mar.

Dianne, I view you as a champion of mother nature and will always support you as you continue to support these values. You represent a top notch, stellar leader of the rural community. You are the chosen one over and over for the job of representing District 2. No one else could represent it as effectively. Please, if there is anything that you can do to stop or limit this project, can you please do it? I am glad San Diego County has saved Torrey Pines State Park, La Jolla Cove, Seagrove/Powerhouse Park, Crest Canyon, all beautiful areas. Can we please add one more area El Monte Valley to the list and save it?

Thank you for your time,

Jitka Perez.